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Title: METHOD OF HYDROFORMING ARTICLES AND THE ARTICLES FORMED  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding final Office Action, dated April 19, 2006, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.